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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: BISHOP WOOD'S PLANS

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B. PRETORIA 2379 (NOTAL)

C. PRETORIA 2385 (NOTAL)

1. CHARGE' ENCOUNTERED BISHOP WOOD JUNE 27 AND DURING THE
ENSUING CONVERSATION WAS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS INCLUDING THE DELAYED ARRIVAL PLANS
OF HIS WIFE (PARA 1 REF A), WOOD HAS DECIDED TO DEPART GABORONE
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BY ROAD JUNE 28 FOR LUSAKA INSTEAD OF WAITING HERE FOR WIFE AND

PLANS TO REACH LUSAKA MIDDAY JULY 1.

3. HE EXPECTS HIS WIFE TO DEPART FROM SOUTH AFRICA BY AIR FOR GABORONE ON JULY 2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY, CHARGE' INFORMED WOOD THAT THERE ARE NO PRIOR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTSWANA AND THAT MRS. WOOD AND DAUGHTER COULD OBTAIN ENTRY PERMITS AT AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL. WOOD HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM ZAMBIAN HIGH COMMISSION HERE THAT IF HIS WIFE AND CHILD ARRIVE IN GABORONE, THEIR VISA FOR ZAMBIA WILL BE EXPEDITED. WOOD THEREFORE EXPECTS HIS FAMILY TO JOIN HIM IN LUSAKA ON JULY 3.

4. FROM THERE, FAMILY WILL GO TO LONDON. MRS. WOOD WILL RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES TO BE WITH HER RELATIVES UNTIL AFTER ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE AND "SITUATION THERE SETTLES DOWN". WOOD INTENDS TO RETURN TO LUSAKA IN REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE AND DRIVE TO SOUTHERN ANGOLA WHERE HE HOPES TO ESTABLISH MISSION STATION. THOMSEN

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